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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA ASKS CONGEN'S ASSISTANCE IN  
OBTAINING IMPROVEMENTS TO MUFFLER SYSTEM OF WARD BUSES

1. GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA, ABD EL TAWAB HODEIB, APPARENTLY SENT A LETTER (ON STATIONERY OF THE ALEXANDRIA PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY-APTA) TO THE CONSUL GENERAL ON AUGUST 15, 1978. THE LETTER WAS NOT RECEIVED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL, BUT A COPY WAS RECEIVED IN THE MAIL ON AUGUST 24 BY THE AID REPRESENTATIVE HERE. THE LETTER REQUESTS THE CONSUL GENERAL TO INTERFERE (SIC) WITH THE WARD INDUSTRIES TO IMPROVE THE MUFFLER SYSTEM OF THE NEW WARD BUSES AS URGENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. CONGEN DOES NOT INTEND TO REPLY TO LETTER UNTIL IT RECEIVES THE ORIGINAL, PROBABLY ON AUGUST 28. CONGEN INTENDS TO REPLY THAT THE SUBJECT IS RECEIVING URGENT ATTENTION IN CAIRO AND THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO IMPROVE THE BUS MUFFLER SYSTEMS. MEANWHILE, THE AID REPRESENTATIVE IN ALEXANDRIA WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH APTA TO INFORM THEM OF DEVELOPMENTS AND TO OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS.

3. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

DEAR SIR,

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WE HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE ALEXANDRIA PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HAS CONCLUDED A CONTRACT ON 3/1/1977 WITH MESSERS WARD INDUSTRIES INC. P.O. BOX 849, HIGHWAY 65 SOUTH - CONWAY, ARKANSAS 72032, U.S.A. FOR THE DELIVERY OF 200 CITY BUSES. CAIRO TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HAS ALSO CONCLUDED ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR THE DELIVERY OF 400 BUSES.

THESE CONTRACTS STATE THAT WARD INC. SHOULD MANUFAC-

TURE ONE BUS AS A SAMPLE TO BE INSPECTED BEFORE SHIPMENT OF THE REST OF THE BUSES.

CONSEQUENTLY A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FROM BOTH ALEXANDRIA TRANSPORT AUTHORITY AND CAIRO TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HAS INSPECTED THIS PILOT MODEL CITY BUS IN THE WORKSHOPS OF THE SUPPLIER IN JULY 1977.

THIS COMMITTEE HAS NOTICED 30 REMARKS IN THE SAMPLE BUS AND THEY WERE STATED IN A MEMORANDUM DATED 28/7/1977 SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE AND MR. CHARLES WARD THE CHAIRMAN OF WARD INC.

THIS COMPANY PROMISED TO AVOID MOST OF THE REMARKS ACCORDING TO WHAT THE COMMITTEE NOTICED.

ONE OF THESE REMARKS WAS TO IMPROVE THE MUFFLER SYSTEM OF THE BUSES TO AVOID THE LOUD NOISE OF THE EXHAUST OF THE ENGINE WHICH IS SO HIGH THAT THE INHABITANTS OF ALEXANDRIA ARE COMPLAINING CONTINUOUSLY WHILST THE CITY BUSES RUNNING IN U.S.A. AND HAVING THE SAME ENGINES HAVE NORMAL NOISE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY HAVE HONOURED US BY BEING PRESENT IN THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE START OF WORKING OF THESE BUSES IN ALEXANDRIA ON 1/7/1978 AND WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE NOTICED THE LOUD AND UNCOMFORTABLE NOISE COMING FROM THE EXHAUST OF THESE BUSES.

THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SUPPLIER DID NOT DO ANYTHING TO EXECUTE MOST OF THE REMARKS WHICH THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR AND WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE THE BUS SUITABLE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND WOULD HAVE ALSO MADE THE BUS A GOOD IMAGE OF THE AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRY.

FOR THESE REASONS THE AUTHORITY HAS ASKED THE COMPANY TO TAKE THE URGENT NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPROVE THE MUFFLER SYSTEM SO AS TO AVOID THIS LOUD NOISE AND ALSO EXECUTE THE OTHER REMAINING REMARKS, BUT THE COMPANY DID NOT TAKE ANY STEP FOR EXECUTION UNTIL NOW.

SO, WE HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL KINDLY INTERFERE WITH WARD INDUSTRIES INC. TO IMPROVE THE MUFFLER SYSTEM OF THESE BUSES AS URGENTLY AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO AVOID THE COMPLAINTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF OUR CITY.

WE HOPE THAT SUCH RESPONSE FROM THE SUPPLIER WILL MAKE THE BUSES REALY EXPRESSING ABOUT THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE LUXURIOUS CAR INDUSTRY IN AMERICA.

WAITING FOR WHAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL DO IN THIS MATTER.

WE REMAIN,  
YOURS FAITHFULLY,

THE GOVERNOR OF ALEXANDRIA.

(ABD EL TAWAB HODEIB)

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4. CONGEN WOULD BE PLEASED TO INCORPORATE TEXT EMBASSY OR AID/CAIRO

MAY WISH TO PROVIDE IN ITS RESPONSE TO GOV. HODEIB.  
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